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SUBJECT:YASUKAWA MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY

1. AMBASSADOR YASUKAWA MET WITH THE SECRETARY AND DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL ON JULY 15 FOR 50 MINUTES, PRIOR TO SIGNING OF US-JAPAN ENERGY R&D AGREEMENT. DISCUSSION PRINCIPALLY COVERED DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES, MOSCOW SUMMIT MEETING, ENERGY PROBLEM, AND NPT, WITH BRIEF EXCHANGE ON POSSIBLE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT REPORTED SEPTEL. SUMMARY OF CONVERSATION FOLLOWS.

2. DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES. YASUKAWA, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, SAID GOJ STILL DESIRES TRILATERAL DECLARATION BUT IS NOT PREPARED TO TAKE INITIATIVE TO PRESS FOR IT. SECRETARY SAID U.S., WHILE STILL PREFERRING TRILATERAL DECLARATION, IS NOT EAGER TO GO THROUGH ANOTHER EXERCISE WITH EUROPEANS UNLESS JAPAN FEELS STRONGLY THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR U.S. TO TAKE INITIATIVE. CURRENT REALITIES IN FACT FORCE COOPERATION WITHOUT A FORMAL DECLARATION, AND U.S. WILL MAKE SURE JAPAN HAS OPPORTUNITY, IF IT DESIRES, TO PARTICIPATE IN LARGER COMMUNITY COOPERATIVE

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EXERCISE. YASUKAWA REAFFIRMED GOJ DOES NOT SEEK U.S.

INITIATIVE.

3. SECRETARY SAID U.S. WOULD BE PREPARED TO SIGN SEPARATE DECLARATION WITH JAPAN, IF JAPANESE DESIRE. YASUKAWA

REPLIED THAT GOJ WOULD PREFER MULTILATERAL DECLARATION AND IS NOT SEEKING BILATERAL DECLARATIONS WITH EUROPE OR U.S. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR SECRETARY'S STATEMENT IN OTTAWA BUT NOTED THAT PRESS, ALTHOUGH NOT JAPANESE GOVERNMENT, FEELS JAPAN IS BEING LEFT BEHIND.

4. MOSCOW SUMMIT. SECRETARY REVIEWED PRINCIPAL SUCCESSES OF MOSCOW SUMMIT. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM YASUKAWA, SECRETARY DISCUSSED IN SOME DETAIL CURRENT STATUS OF SALT NEGOTIATIONS.

5. ENERGY. YASUKAWA CONFIRMED JAPANESE POLICY IS TO PARTICIPATE POSITIVELY IN ENERGY ACTION GROUP. YASUKAWA REVIEWED GOJ PROBLEMS ON IEP IN BROAD TERMS, STRESSING NECESSITY FOR HIGHEST LEVEL POLITICAL DECISIONS ON THIS PROGRAM. HE MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY AS DIFFICULT PROBLEMS, RAISING OIL STORAGE FROM 600 THOUSAND TONS TO 900 THOUSAND TONS AT COST OF \$5 BILLION AND DIFFERENT STRUCTURE IN OIL CONSUMPTION AMONG CONSUMING NATIONS. HE ASKED THAT U.S. BEAR IN MIND JAPAN'S SPECIAL PROBLEMS. SECRETARY SAID THAT U.S. WHICH NEEDS IEP LESS THAN OTHER COUNTRIES, SEEKS PROGRAM HELPFUL TO JAPAN AND WILL TAKE SERIOUSLY ITS TECHNICAL PROBLEMS WITH IEP.

6. YASUKAWA ALSO MENTIONED BRIEFLY, PROBLEMS OF BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES. YASUKAWA SAID ONLY BILATERAL DEAL CONTEMPLATED BY JAPAN IS WITH IRAQ, PROVIDING IRAQ \$1 BILLION IN LOANS FOR OIL. GOJ WISHES TO BE MOST CAREFUL THAT SUCH DEAL NOT AFFECT OTHER OIL CONSUMERS, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO PRICE. HE ALSO MENTIONED JAPANESE PLANS FOR ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL AGREEMENT WITH SAUDI ARABIA. SECRETARY SAID THAT WE HAD NO PROBLEMS WITH SAUDI ARABIA AGREEMENT AND REVIEWED RATIONALE FOR US-SAUDI ARABIA AGREEMENT.

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7. NPT. YASUKAWA SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT U.S. STILL STUDYING IMPLICATIONS OF INDIAN NUCLEAR EXPLOSION. JAPAN STILL INTENDS TO RATIFY THE NPT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, ALTHOUGH THEY EXPECTED MORE DIFFICULTIES AS A RESULT OF INDIAN TEST. SECRETARY AFFIRMED U.S. STUDY STILL IN PROCESS, BUT U.S. STILL STRONGLY FAVORED JAPANESE RATIFICATION OF NPT. KISSINGER

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